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**SUBJECT** Transport of Political Prisoners to Archangel

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1. "On 14 June '53 a train with about 30 freight cars carrying 'convict manpower' (prinuditel'-  
na-a robotnuiu silu) left for the Estonian SSR for Archangel. Their destination  
was the Transport Department of the Archangel Administration of the MVD (Transportnyi  
Otdel Arkhangel'skogo Upravleniia MVD). Each car contained at least 40 political prisoners,  
the total being 1200-1500.
2. "Persons who spoke to the personnel of the convict train learned that it is the rule  
for them to fetch a train of this description from Estonia in June of every year. In  
some years the train has had up to 60 freight cars. The MVD Transport Department in  
Archangel distributes the prisoners among the various labor camps located on the White  
and Barents Seas, according to their manpower requirements. Estonia contributes only  
a comparatively small proportion of the manpower required. Most of it comes from the  
Ukraine and the Caucasus. As a rule the convict trains go only to Archangel. From  
there the convicts are moved to their destinations either on foot or by ship."

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